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PATENT APPLICATION

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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Docket No: Q62437

Yoshiyuki MATSUMOTO, et al.

Appln. No.: 09/743,483

Group Art Unit: 1614

Confirmation No.: 2611

Examiner: HUANG, EVELYN MEI

Filed: January 10, 2001

For: THIOBENZIMIDAZOLE DERIVATIVES

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

ATTN: BOX AF
Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

The specification is changed as follows:

On page 4, paragraph 2, beginning at line 6:

when m is 0 and A is a substituted or unsubstituted, linear or branched alkylene group having 1 to 6 carbons, then J represents a substituted or unsubstituted, linear, cyclic or branched alkyl group having 3 to 6 carbons, a substituted or unsubstituted aryl group having 7 to 9 carbons, a substituted aryl group having 10 to 11 carbons, a substituted or unsubstituted heteroaryl group (excluding unsubstituted pyridyl groups) having 4 to 10 carbons that may contain one or a plurality of oxygen, nitrogen and sulfur atoms on the ring;

On page 4, paragraph 3, beginning at line 16:

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